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Application No. 09/519,802	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 6, 2000	:	
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed January 24, 2012, requesting issuance of a duplicate Letters Patent for the above-identified patent. In addition, this decision addresses the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed January 24, 2012, to expedite a decision on the petition for issuance of duplicate Letters Patent for the above-identified patent, filed January 24, 2012.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to expedite a decision on the petition for issuance of duplicate Letters Patent for the above-identified patent is **GRANTED**.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 for issuance of a duplicate Letters Patent for the above-identified patent is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.182." This is **not** final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

A request for duplicate Letters Patent is usually made because of the loss of the Letters Patent, either by the attorneys of record, the applicant, or the assignee, or the Letters Patent may have been destroyed. The appropriate avenue of relief for issuance of a duplicate Letters Patent for either the loss or destruction of the patent is by way of a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 and the fee of \$400.00.

The petition is not grantable because the petition fails to set forth the reason why a duplicate Letters Patent is requested.

Pursuant to petitioners' authorization, deposit account no. 23-0442 will be charged two \$400.00 Rule 182 petition fees.

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